

MORMONS CONFESS THAT POLYGYAMY IS STILL IN PRACTICE

Smith, Head of Church in Utah, Admits to Senators that He Violates Law Against Plural Marriages and Has Had Eleven Children Since It Went Into Effect.

Declared He Would Sooner Take the Consequences than Desert His Families—He Has Not Been Interfered With, Although He Is Ready to Meet Charges.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—So great has become the interest in the investigation of the protests made against Reed Smoot, of Utah, retaining his seat in the United States Senate that it was necessary to-day to post a policeman at the door of the room of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, where the hearings are progressing. All persons except those directly interested are kept out of the room.

Just before the hearing was begun to-day Mr. Smoot received a telegram from Provo, Utah, stating that his sister, Mrs. George S. Taylor, is dead as the result of an operation. He had no previous knowledge of her illness and exhibited plainly the effects of the sudden shock.

Know He Violated Law.
President Smith of the Mormon Church was again called to the stand. Questions were directed to ascertain Mr. Smith's knowledge of the polygamous marriages of Abraham H. Cannon and whether Mr. Smith had performed the services uniting Mr. Cannon and Lillian Hamlin.

Mr. Smith said he had seen newspaper reports saying that he had done so, but he denied the truth of the statements.

Then Mr. Taylor asked a number of questions, which brought out a statement from Mr. Smith regarding his own position under the laws covering polygamy.

In answer to the question whether polygamous cohabitation was regarded by the church as contrary to the law, he answered: "It was."

Continuing he said: "This was the case and is the case now. But I was placed in this position," said Mr. Smith. "I had a family—a plural family. If you please, I married my first wife more than thirty-eight years ago, and my last wife more than twenty years ago. By these wives I have had children and I have preferred to take my own chances with the law and suffer any consequences the law might visit upon me rather than to abandon these children and their mothers."

Acknowledged His Wives.
"I have continued to live with them since the manifesto of 1890 and they have borne me children since that date. I was fully aware of what I was doing. I knew I was amenable to the law, but as I say, I preferred to face that situation rather than to desert them."

"I have not shunned the fact that I have acknowledged these wives and children as my family. The people of Utah have regarded the situation as an existing fact."

These people as a rule are broad-minded and liberal in their views and have condoned the offense to which I am subjected. It is rather than interfere with my situation as they found it. It has been known what I have been doing and I have not been interfered with, nor disturbed in any way. If I had been I was there to answer the charges. I was willing to face them and submit to the penalty, whatever it might be."

Has Five Wives.
"How many children have you had since the manifesto of 1890?" Lawyer Taylor asked.

Mr. Worthington objected on the part of the defense and both Senators Berger and Foraker again said that they thought as the witness had said his wife had borne children since that date, it made no difference how many such children had been borne to him.

THIEF CHASE DOWN BROADWAY

Policeman Finally Drew His Revolver, Fired, and the Three Suspects Quit Running in Dire Fear.

CLOTHING STORE
CUSTOMER ASSAILED.

Design Was Made on His Watch, but Attention of Patrolman on Beat Was Attracted and All the Men Were Captured.

There was an exciting thief chase down Broadway late this afternoon, in which three alleged crooks, two Central Office detectives and a policeman took part. The chase came to an end only when the policeman hauled out his revolver in great rage because the crooks had poked him in the stomach, and fired three shots after the fugitives. This brought them to a stop and they were promptly arrested. Then all of Broadway, which had ducked into doorways and behind sign posts at the first shot, emerged again.

The three crooks made their first appearance in a big clothing store at Broadway and Thirty-third street. There one of them attempted to attract a valuable watch from the pocket of a customer. The customer turned just in time to see his watch disappearing and set up a great outcry. The crook dropped the watch and started for the door, his pal following him, and the victim in close pursuit.

Cried "Stop Thief."
The lone pursuer, an elderly man, set up such a howling of "stop thief" when he reached the street that he soon had a small army of allies. The thieves ran down the east side of Broadway and at Thirty-first street Detective-Sergeants Charlton and Boyle, who were on the west side of the street, joined the chase.

The crooks were fleet of foot, and they might have got away but for the fact that the detectives shouted "Police!" and the crowd of onlookers. The crooks were then surrounded by the police and the crowd. The crooks were then surrounded by the police and the crowd. The crooks were then surrounded by the police and the crowd.

Male Daily Stagger.
Daily staggered about five feet, then got his wind and was so mad that without thinking of the consequences he pulled out his pistol and fired three shots after the thieves. The shots had the effect of bringing the men to a stop and they were then surrounded by the police and the crowd.

Daily grabbed one prisoner and Charlton and Boyle each got one. All were taken to Police Headquarters, where the crooks were held in the watch room. The crooks were then surrounded by the police and the crowd.

Not a "Spotter."
Mr. Smith protested that the questions were very embarrassing and trying to him. He asked, however, if Mr. Smith had not claimed in 1896 or 1897 that his wife Levia was not divorced, and whether he did not claim a part of her estate for that reason.

Mr. Taylor declined to answer the question in regard to the property, but denied that he had said she was not divorced.

Mr. Taylor asked concerning Brigham H. Roberts's position as First President of the "Seventy" and asked if he was not elected to that high position after he was elected to Congress.

Mr. Smith said he could not remember. In answer to a question by Senator Dubois the witness said Mr. Roberts was elected to that position after he was elected to Congress.

As to the Seventy.
Continuing, he said: "I could not consistently object to Mr. Roberts myself, and I do not know of any member who could have done so better than I could."

"Then you place all of 'The Seventy' in the same category with yourself?" said Senator Dubois.

"Yes, I suppose so," said Mr. Smith. "Do you mean that because all members of the Seventy are polygamists they could not object to Mr. Roberts?"

MISS AMY MARQUITZ AND FRANK ALLISON WHO ANNOUNCED ENGAGEMENT DAY HE WAS KILLED.



ANOTHER RACE FOR MEISTERSINGER

Beats Burning Glass and Icicle Easily in the Fourth Event at New Orleans at Odds of 6 to 1.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Eclectic (8 to 5) 1, Port Warden (7 to 2) 2, Scotch Thistle 3.

SECOND RACE—John (7 to 2) 1, Dr. Carrick (7 to 1) 2, Governor Boyd 3.

THIRD RACE—Hluminate (10 to 1) 1, Hegira (10 to 1) 2, Lady Mistake 3.

FOURTH RACE—Meistersinger (6 to 1) 1, Burning Glass (7 to 1) 2, Icicle 3.

FIFTH RACE—The Guardsman (2 to 1) 1, Jake Weber (3 to 1) 2, Prodigal Son 3.

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NEW ORLEANS, La., March 3.—Albert Simons, who bought the speedy Texas two-year-old Stella Allen for \$900 after she had won a selling race yesterday, lost no time in getting rid of her when he found out that she was a bleeder.

Stella has been bleeding in her work. Her dam, Lucky Star III, bled and fell down in her last race at St. Louis. Alvin W., a full brother to Lucky Star III, was a notorious bleeder. Tony Locali bought Stella Allen from Simons. Locali also bought Duncan from Simons.

TWO WOMEN HURT IN A CAR PANIC

Fuse Blows Out on an Eighth Avenue Trolley, and the Report of Explosion So Frightens Passengers that They Run.

Owing to the blowing out of a fuse on a south bound Eighth avenue car in front of 137 Eighth avenue this afternoon, two women were injured and a number of passengers were thrown into a panic.

There were a score of passengers in the car when the fuse, with a loud report, blew out. Immediately there was flame and smoke, coupled with the bluish-white flame of the electricity, caused by the damp tracks. The passengers made a sudden dash for both front and rear exits. Some attempted to get to the front, pushing down others who were weaker and were trying to get to the rear.

Michael Flanagan, of No. 42 West Fifty-third street, stopped the car abruptly. Conductor Henry Hey, of No. 112 West One Hundred and Thirty-second street, did the same at the rear end and helped several passengers off the car.

Among those who rushed for the forward end and got off were Mrs. Margaret Smith, seventy years old, of No. 78 Washington street, and her daughter, Miss Minnie Smith, twenty-seven years old, of the same address.

The elderly woman with her daughter had just got to the front platform when a sudden surge of panic-stricken persons pushed them with violence from the car. The daughter received a fractured left foot. The mother had her back injured, abrasions on the face and body, and possible internal injuries.

A hurry call for an ambulance was sent to the hospital. The injured women were taken to the New York Hospital. The car was then taken to the West Twentieth street station, secured a call of water and extinguished the flames. The damage was slight. There were no arrests.

THUNDERSTORM IN ALBANY.
ALBANY, March 3.—A thunderstorm occurred here about noon to-day, with brilliant lightning and sharp thunder.

SIX PERSONS TO BE ARRESTED FOR HOTEL DISASTER

Army of Men Works Night and Day in Fruitless Effort to Reach Nine Bodies Which the Coroner Believes Are Buried Beneath the Great Tangle of Steel at the Darlington.

ONLY ARREST MADE SO FAR IS THAT OF AN OBSCURE EMPLOYEE.

Brave Fireman Risks His Life in Exploring Ruins and Reports that He Saw a Number of Dead Men Penned In—Officials Declare Some One Must Be Held Responsible.

Coroner Scholer issued six warrants to-day for men he believed responsible for the collapse of the Darlington Hotel in West Forty-sixth street yesterday, among them one for Eugene Allison, of the Allison Realty Company. Shortly after the warrant had been issued Mr. Allison's counsel, a Mr. Cooke, called Coroner Scholer up on the telephone and requested that Mr. Allison be not compelled to suffer the ignominy of an arrest. He asked the Coroner if he would allow him to surrender his client at 3 o'clock this afternoon. This request was granted.

At 3 o'clock the lawyer called up again and informed Coroner Scholer that Mr. Allison was sick in bed. "If that is so," said Coroner Scholer, "I will go to his bedside and accept bail. I must have him this afternoon."

"I cannot consent to that," replied the lawyer, "and I will not tell you where Mr. Allison is. If you want him you will have to find him."

Coroner Scholer then turned the warrant over to two Central Office men and told them to find Mr. Allison, if possible, and place him under arrest.

The Coroner suppressed the names of some of the men for whom warrants had been issued, but said that he had signed one for a Mr. Schaandner, of the contracting firm of Pole & Schwandner, and for a Mr. O'Hea, the supervising architect who had the construction of the Darlington Hotel in charge.

Charles Allison said yesterday that he feared Mr. O'Hea had been caught in the crash and that his body would be found in the ruins. Neither Mr. O'Hea nor Mr. Schwandner has been seen since the accident.

There are seven bodies in sight in the ruins, but the mass of wreckage is so great that it will take a long time to extricate them. Another name of a missing man was reported this afternoon. It is that of William Green, a foreman on the fireproofing work. His brother notified the police to-day that Green did not appear at his home last night and that he had said that his post of duty was in the cellar of the building.

A body was removed from the ruins this afternoon and carried out through the Hotel Patterson, in West Forty-seventh street, to the East Fifty-first street station. It is supposed to be that of Carl Yasek, a laborer.

The office of Pole & Schwandner, at No. 76 William street, is closed. They were the contractors for the ironwork of the building that collapsed. Detective Sergts. O'Connell and Meehan, armed with a warrant signed by Coroner Scholer, watched the place all night for Mr. Schwandner, but he failed to appear. As soon as word of the accident reached the office yesterday everybody in it left and the doors were locked.

District-Attorney Jerome, after learning from his assistant, Mr. Rand, that the girders examined by him yesterday were not of standard size for such buildings, and that in many places bolts were used instead of rivets, went to the ruins and made a personal investigation. He has decided to subpoena witnesses and conduct a hearing. The inquest is to be held Monday.

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CITY TO RUN CARS ON THE NEW BRIDGE

Mayor McCallan notified Bridge Commissioners late to-day to at once begin work on the erection of the temporary terminal structure contemplated for the running of cars over the new Williamsburg Bridge. This was done by the Mayor yesterday.

The child lived with her parents at No. 32 Prospect avenue, a fashionable neighborhood on the Park Slope. She had had a hard struggle to keep up with her class in Public School No. 10, a short distance from her home in Prospect avenue. This afternoon she was disheartened at receiving a "bad report," which under the rules of the school she must take home for the inspection of her parents.

Quite dispirited and depressed, Emma handed the report to her mother, and not receiving as much condolence and comforting as she felt she was entitled to, the little girl went away by herself and brooded. The snack which her mother had prepared for her to eat remained almost untouched, and Emma left the table in despondency.

After brooding in her room for a time, the unhappy child arose and left the house. A little later she returned. She had secured a small bottle of carbolic acid somewhere, and this she drank in her room.

Mrs. Sunbom's attention was attracted by the child's violent reaction. A neighbor called an ambulance from Seney Hospital, but Dr. Wright, who broke and fell across the stove, said that the child would not live.

There was little chance of her recovery.

BABY BOY BURNED TO DEATH.
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CAMDEN, N. J., March 3.—Three-year-old Willie Thomas was burned to death in his mother's kitchen to-day. A line on which some clothes hung broke and fell across the stove, setting the fire.